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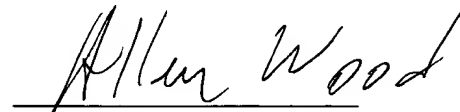
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The European Search Report was mailed on April 1, 2004. Accordingly, the undersigned attorney states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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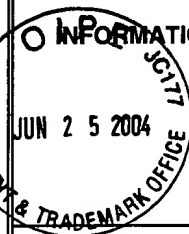
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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